



We are now two weeks into our Summer term, and what a wonderful start to the term we have had! Parent and carer consultations have taken place, with information shared on how children have adapted to being back in school after our full return in March. Children are now back to the usual pace of learning, and are experiencing a full curriculum, with existing gaps in learning being addressed within classes. We will be running our very popular SUPERLEARNING CLUB after school, starting next Wednesday and running for three weeks until 4.15pm. We really hope all children will be staying on for this extra learning opportunity, please email your child’s class teacher if they will not be staying.

OPENING IN SEPTEMBER our ACORNS PRESCHOOL

Overseen by Mrs Williams, our Early Years Lead Teacher, integrated with our Reception Class to provide an all-through high quality Early-Years experience for our youngest learners. With places available for children from the term after they are three years old, and funding accepted, please see the **ACORNS** tab on the school website for more information. To book places for September, please email admin@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk or telephone the school office 01594 832262.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEKS STAR ACHIEVERS, awarded Star of the Week certificates in class assemblies:

- Beech – Elliott and Scarlett
- Elm – Lara and Oscar
- Maple – Zac and Ella
- Larch – Bethany and Jacob
- Chestnut – Charlie P and Tilly
- Pine – Phoebe and Harry S
- Oak – Harvey and Zack

Well done to you all!

DATE	CALENDAR
Mon 03.05.21	Bank Holiday Monday – no school
Wed 05.05.21	SUPERLEARNING CLUB all classes
Thur 06.05.21	Y2 STEM activity – Introduction to Coding
Fri 07.05.21	Y3 STEM activity – Coding
Wed 12.05.21	SUPERLEARNING CLUB all classes
Wed 19.05.21	SUPERLEARNING CLUB all classes
Fri 28.05.21	Last day of term, return Tu 08.06
Mon 07.06.21	Inset day – no children in school
Tu 08.06.21	Children return to school
Wed 21.07.21	Last day of term

Please note, term and holiday dates for 2021-22 and 2022-23 are now posted on the school website (on the School Life tab, under BHPS Calendar Term Dates). The 2021-22 are subject to change of the extra bank holiday as directed by GCC (this information not yet confirmed).

Our school office is open daily from 8.30am – 3.05pm. Contact by telephone or email is appreciated where possible, and if needing to visit our office, just one adult in the foyer at a time please. Tel: 01594 832262 / or email admin@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk.

We are now maintaining the CALENDAR on the website – check it out for important date reminders.

Please remember to read at home with your child regularly – our myON digital reading platform will support with book choice, and during lockdown we have also purchased a large number of new reading books to support children’s enjoyment of and enthusiasm for reading at home. An added benefit of myON is that children can select an audio option for the books to be read to them – this is great for younger and less confident readers. As the text is highlighted as it is read, this is a great way to access story and information books independently, and to learn while they enjoy!

A REMINDER PLEASE TO ALWAYS LET US KNOW WHO WILL BE COLLECTING YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL IF NOT YOU, INCLUDING IF THEY ARE WALKING TO THE RUGBY CLUB.

Buddies Before and After School Club is in place but with restricted numbers. Places **MUST** be paid for via ParentPay prior to attending. Please ensure you book ahead - no later than 12 noon for attendance that day. If you have booked a place, and no longer require it, please let us know as this place can be offered to another child. If not cancelled by 12 noon, you will be charged for the place. More information from the school office Tel: 832262 or email admin@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk

Support with mental health and wellbeing

There is much reported currently about the pressure on families due to the continuing coronavirus situation. There are many sources of help available to families, and to children. For support and advice, you can contact Young Minds Matter - youngmindsmatter.org (Provide a range of support and advice for mental health - adults and children, see their website for further information).

A further source of family advice can be found on <https://www.familylives.org.uk/> and for any school related concerns Family Support advice, you can also contact Mrs Jacqui Reddan (jreddan@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk).

EVEN THOUGH SCHOOL IS OPEN, FOR NOW OUR NATIONAL LOCKDOWN REMAINS IN PLACE. PLEASE ADHERE TO THE RULES TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY IN STAYING COVID-FREE.

Some reminders please:

When on our school site stay socially distant from others - 2m where possible - and please wear a mask.

Your children **MUST** stay with you at all times, including preschool children, to minimise mixing.

Just one person from each family to come to drop and collect.

Stick to drop-off and collect times, and leave our school site promptly to reduce mixing.

Children walking to school alone should not arrive early.

Thank you for your support.

PLEASE REMEMBER that children are welcome to ride bikes or scooters to school, but should not be riding these in the school grounds. Any bikes or scooters left in school must be stored in the bike shed next to the junior playground.

ACTIVE DISCOVERY:

Following our Discovery Club that ran after school on a Wednesday last term, we sent home Active Discovery Sheets that children had been using in school for them to continue using at home. The sheet contains a collection of activities to encourage being active, and when each is completed, children cross it off.

Each row of activities relates to a 'badge' - Outdoor Explorer, Urban Explorer, Active Explorer, Mindful Explorer, Eco Explorer, Creative Explorer and challenge Explorer.

When 5 out of the 6 activities are complete, let Mrs Stevens know via email (lstevens@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk) and a certificate will be awarded. This challenge will run until Friday 14th May - so get active!!

Opening in September, our Acorns Preschool.

We are currently advertising for two **Early Years support assistants for our Acorns Preschool**. Both roles are from September 1st 2021, and are for one year Fixed Term contract in the first instance.

There are two posts, one for mornings and lunchtime, and one for lunchtime and afternoon. Further details including Job Description, Person Specification and application information can be downloaded from the **VACANCIES** tab of the school website (Berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk), or email the school office.

Closing date: Friday 7th May, 12 noon.

Interviews on Thursday 13th May.

A flier providing more information about our preschool can be downloaded from the bottom of the homepage on the school website - or email our office admin@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk.

SCHOOL UNIFORM A full range of our school uniform is available from Mapac Group Ltd parentcustomerservices@mapac.net or telephone 01923 255525. Alternatively, there is ordering information available on our school website (see documents on the bottom of the Home Page, and also on the **SCHOOL LIFE** tab/**UNIFORM**). Orders can be paid by either credit or debit card. Delivery to school or home is offered. We have been made aware that some sweatshirts/cardigans have been produced with the wrong school logo. Please contact Mapac and they will replace the item for you free of charge. Our School Uniform Policy is available on the school website (see **POLICIES** tab).